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Valley Creek Trustee Council Announces Grant Opportunity for Restoration of Valley Creek

VALLEY FORGE, PA – The Valley Creek Trustee Council, consisting of Valley Forge National Historical Park and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, announces the availability of a new grant program for restoration of natural resources within the Valley Creek watershed. Valley Creek is an Exceptional Value stream and a Class A wild trout fishery, as well as an important resource within Valley Forge National Historical Park. The Trustee Council administers funds received as compensation for damages to natural resources and lost angler use resulting from previous contamination of the stream. Approximately 1.5 million dollars are now available through the Valley Creek Restoration Grant Program for qualified stream restoration projects.

The grant program is based on the Valley Creek Restoration Plan, which outlines the strategy for watershed restoration and identifies types of potential restoration projects. Qualified projects must relate to stormwater management, streambank stabilization, implementation of environmentally sensitive land practices (e.g. vegetated stream buffers), projects that directly improve angler access (e.g. trails) and projects related to the restoration of brook trout in Crabby Creek, a tributary to Valley Creek. Applications will be accepted until October 31st of each year for projects to be implemented the following year. Anyone is eligible to apply!

Please visit our new website at <http://www.savevalleycreek.org> for additional information on the Valley Creek Trustee Council, Valley Creek Watershed, and the Valley Creek Restoration Grant Program. Copies of the Valley Creek Restoration Plan are also available on the website or in CD form from Chuck Marshall, Valley Creek Restoration Coordinator, at cgmarsshall@nni.com or 610-647-6432.

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